



# Timberbank Times

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## Principal's Message

The cold and snow may keep coming, but here at Timberbank, everything is warm and our spirits are full of sunshine. February was a fun-filled month with many exciting activities.

We celebrated the Canadian Olympic Spirit by learning about our athletes and about the traditions of the Games. It was great to see all the language, math, social studies and science that came to life through this unit. We were very proud of our Canadian Team and their accomplishments. Go Canada Go!

Our students continued their African Heritage Month learning by completing amazing biographies on important individuals of African Heritage such as Rosa Parks and Morgan Freeman. They are displayed outside the office for all of us to enjoy. Please feel free to come by and take a look.

February brought several important visitors to our school. First, we had the pleasure of having Trustee Sam Sotiropoulos visit us with Superintendent Chan. Our student ambassadors showed them around our school stopping in each class to visit teachers and students and to showcase the many wonderful projects completed by our students. We also had the pleasure of having MPP Soo Wong join us for a visit. She came by to thank our grade 5s who visited her at Queen's Park in December. We do hope that they enjoyed their visits.

And I am sure that you all heard about our incredible fundraiser, "Move-a-Thon", that took place on February 21<sup>st</sup> all day in our gym. We moved and danced to the rhythm of "Bounce" Entertainment. We want to thank everyone for supporting this "healthier" approach to fundraising that we chose to do this year rather than our traditional chocolate selling.

Have a wonderful March Break everyone and we'll see you back at school on March 17<sup>th</sup>!

*Mrs. Anna Epitropou*



## Upcoming Dates

**Mar. 7** PA DAY  
**March 10-14** MARCH BREAK  
**March 17** First Day Back from the March Break  
**Mar. 20** Movie Night  
**Mar. 21** 9am - ON TRACK Assembly - Green and Gold Day  
**Mar. 25** On TRACK lunch with Mrs. Epitropou  
**Mar. 28** Earth Hour in TDSB from 2:00 pm to 3:00pm  
**April 2** Grade 4-6 students go to the Toronto Symphony @ Roy Thomson Hall  
**April 7** School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library  
**April 9** Learning to Curl through the "Rock and Rings" Program  
**April 11** Jump Rope for Heart  
**April 18** Good Friday  
**April 20** Easter  
**April 21** Easter Monday

## **SPRING FAIR**

Save the Date: Saturday, June 14, 2014

Where: Timberbank Playground/Field

Time: 11am to 3 pm

Last year, our school council, staff, students and parents had our second Spring Fair which was very successful. Jumpy Castles, the Leafs Nation Truck, Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Henna, Soccer Skills and many different vendors and performances by our Folkdancers were just a few of the great things that were happening.

The plans are on the way for our 3rd Annual Spring Fair.



### **Eco News**

#### **Green Bins Are Here!**

Hooray! The green bins are finally here! You can now put all of your food scraps in the green (compost) bins here at school, instead of taking them back home.



Some food items that can be put in the green bins are: apple cores, orange peels and bits of other food scraps. Let's help Timberbank be an Eco School – use our Green Bins and let's help save the environment!

By: Grace Wang and Andrew Ignatiou (Grade 6 Eco Reps.)

Lights out on Friday, March 28th:

Earth Hour in TDSB from 2 pm to 3 pm



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL'S CORNER**

**Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:** Watch this space every month to find out what is new from your school council and learn about ways that you can get involved.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING GOALS**

**Short Term** – Continue to support on-going enrichment activities such as Prologue performances, special artists and guests and any requests to update equipment and/or technology in order to enhance student experiences within the school.

**Long Term** - The existing playground located on the west side of the school is nearing its end of life and will eventually pose a safety risk to our children. The playground is not fully supported by TDSB funding so the school council has designated the replacement of the playground as our long term fundraising goal.

### **KEY FUNDRAISING / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE MONTH**

#### **1) Movie Night - "Monsters University" – March 20<sup>th</sup> - 3:25pm to 5:30pm**

We are seeking a small group of adults to help supervise at the event. **Please arrive at 3:15pm for set up.**

#### **2) Annual Spring Fair – Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Planning for Event** – Participate in planning meetings to design the day.

**Day of Event** – Help on-site with various activities from manning a booth, set up, selling food, making cotton candy or popcorn etc. Can be for an hour or two or throughout the day.

**Buy a Table** – Vendor tables available for \$25 per table for the day.

**Sponsor or Find Sponsors** - Donation letters are available to provide potential sponsors. Donations are critical to reduce the cost of this annual school/community event. **Contact Gerald Jones** <gerald.jones@yahoo.ca> to find out how you can help find sponsors to make donations in support of this event.

**CONTACT:** Email us at [timberbank.publicschool@yahoo.ca](mailto:timberbank.publicschool@yahoo.ca) if you have any questions about these opportunities or speak to a member of the school council.

### **WHY DID I GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOL COUNCIL?**

"I joined Student council this year to learn what was happening in and around the school and see how I could help. I've been to a few meetings now and I realize how big an impact one person can have at the school level and how a school relies on parents to bring the best experience to our kids." **Lynn Greenwood, Parent**

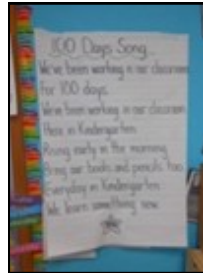
**GET INVOLVED! Next School Council Meeting:** Join us on Monday April 7th at 6:30pm in the Library.



## Kinder News



Hip-hip hooray! We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day! After a long countdown, on February 10<sup>th</sup> the kindergartens celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We learned about counting to 100 through a variety of different activities. Here are some pictures of our celebration!



### Reminders:

- Cars dropping off students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for **NO Stopping**. Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank. Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do **NOT** block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be **SAFE!!!** We need everyone's help with this!
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes. As the cold weather continues, it is very important that you dress for the weather!!
- When reporting your child's absence, if they have been diagnosed with a communicable (contagious) illness, it is **VERY** important that we are notified in the office (e.g. Chickenpox).



**Reminder!**

**Celebrating Social Work Week (March 3 to 7)*****Mental Health and Well-Being***

1 in 5 children and youth struggle with mental health concerns. We all have a role to play to support child and youth mental health. Promoting mental health and well-being belongs to all of us.

How can parents help support children's mental health and well-being?

- Encourage and mentor healthy life skills: eat well, get enough sleep, regular exercise, etc.
- Help your child or youth learn how to cope with stress in a positive way
- Communicate your own feelings and teach children how to talk over problems
- Teach children and youth how to ask for help and support when they need it
- Consult with your family doctor, School Social Worker if you have concerns or for immediate help, go to your local emergency department

If problems arise, help and support is available at our school. Contact the school if you need to talk to our School Social Worker, Nancy Burtch.

**Lunchroom Supervisors Needed**

Applications for lunchroom supervisors are being accepted on an ongoing basis to meet operational needs. If interested, feel free to call the school more information or visit to apply at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Employment.aspx>

**Another Just Read It Winner!**

Don't forget to go on-line and enter your "just read it". We have had quite a few winners already at Timberbank.

***Bright Stars - Created by Ms Lo's Class***

This class artwork is inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night." We read "Vincent's Color" and looked at some of Van Gogh's paintings. We discussed about colours and textures. Through making this artwork, students also learned co-operation and courtesy.



## XXII Winter Olympic Games

By: Hishany Kanageswaren, Disha Patel, and Patrick Yeh

During the month of February, the XXII Olympic Winter Games took place in Sochi, Russia. As a result, many students in our school participated in several activities and events! To kick start the fun, students walked over to Highland Heights Junior Public School where the Jean Augustine Girls Academy invited us to celebrate the Olympic spirit with their school. We rotated through several stations like the skeleton relay and learned all about the Canadian Athletes that were representing our country.

Back at Timberbank Junior Public School, the grade 2 and 3 classes continued the Olympic spirit and created a giant Olympic wall display. We counted the medals that Team Canada earned, we shared interesting pictures and news articles about the Olympics, we watched video footage of the many different winter sports and we worked through our Olympic Podium Pages by making connections between the Canadian athletes and our own personal life experiences. For art, we made a giant Olympic flame by sponge painting on a piece of paper using warm colours and cutting out our hand prints. Our school watched the Men's and Women's Hockey teams win the Gold Medal for their country and our class watched intensely as the Olympic Torch burned out at the closing ceremonies bringing the XXII Winter Olympic Games to an end.

We are all very proud of our Canadian Athletes and their hard dedication. Our country earned 25 medals in total and we finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Our students are very excited for the next winter Olympic Games taking place in Pyeong Chang, South Korea. See you 2018!!



## Our Trip to Legoland

On February 28th, Ms Mourad and Ms Namasivayam's class visited Legoland. They had such a great time building and learning cooperatively. Take a look!



## Speech Arts @ Timberbank

Throughout the month of February, our grade 4, 5 and 6 students have been researching various social justice topics. The students wrote and presented their topics in their classrooms. Three representatives from each class were selected to present to the school on Wednesday, March 5th. Congratulations to those students who represented their classes: Heidi, Muaaz, Christina, Zeta, Milagro, Nancy, Abira, Helen and Nicole. Public speaking is a skill that we continue to work on here at Timberbank.

A big thanks to Ms Persaud for coordinating all of these efforts and for organizing the competition. The panel of judges were very impressed with each speaker. It was a very tough decision to select the top three.

Congratulations to:

**1st place winner - Nicole with her speech on "Child Labour"**

**2nd place winner - Helen with her speech on "Military Drafts"**

**3rd place winner - Muaaz with his speech on "Bullying"**



## **Grade 6 Engineering**

We want to thank Rohan Karkhanis, our Engineer in Residence, who has been working with our Grade 6s each month and to Mr. O'Connor for coordinating this program for our students. It is wonderful to see the grade 6s so engaged and thrilled as they were learning about electromagnets.

Mr. Karkhanis volunteers his time and we thank him for his hard work. Through his interactive and engaging workshops each time, he is helping to spread the love of science, technology, engineering and math to our students.



## *“Move-a-Thon”*

On Friday, February 21st, for the first time ever, Timberbank had a “Move-a-Thon” as its annual fundraiser this year. Why a “Move-a-Thon”? Well, we all felt it would be a “healthier” and more fun way to raise funds for our school than the traditional chocolate bar selling that happened in the past. We moved to the rhythm, danced to the rhythm, swayed to the rhythm, hopped to the rhythm, skipped and spun to the rhythm. **EVERYONE** participated!

What a day! And what a successful fundraiser we had! We raised just over \$7300 for our school. Our goals for these funds are listed in the School Council Corner on page 2.

Congratulations to Aswin our grand prize winner of the iPad! Honourable mentions go to: Aleena, Abirami, Kyle and Jazmine who also raised over \$200 each. Thank you all for your continuous support. It means everything to us!!

